

REMARKS

Currently pending in this application are claims 1-20.

The Abstract has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion.

With reference to claims 5-9, Applicant addresses the Examiner's comments as such:

Claim 5: the signal generating device, which is an analog camera, includes a digital signal encoder.

Claim 6: the signal generating device, which is an analog audio transmitter, includes a digital signal encoder.

Claim 7: A plurality of signal generating devices can be included in the VDR system.

Claim 7: The VDR system includes the multiplexer which is coupled to the encoder (please see paragraph [0074] and Figure 4).

Claim 8: A plurality of dissimilar signal generating devices can be included in the VDR system.

Claim 8: The switched hub can be included in the VDR system (please see paragraph [0076] and Figure 7).

Claim 8: The signals are generated from the dissimilar signal generating devices.

Claim 9: The wireless access point can be included in the VDR system.

Claim 9: The wireless access point is coupled to the hub (please see paragraph [0077] and Figure 8).

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The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masten (20030185296) in view of Li (20030097661).


The Examiner stated, "Masten does not explicitly disclose an encoder for converting the data signal to an IP protocol and introducing the IP protocol to the memory array." The Examiner also stated, "Li teaches an encoder for converting the data signal to an IP protocol and an interface for introducing the IP protocol signals to the memory array."

Li discloses a time-shifted television over IP network system. Li does not disclose the utilization of such a system on an aircraft for the purposes of the present patent application. However, purely in the interest of moving forward with the prosecution of the present patent application, claim 1 is amended by adding the following limitation: a pattern generator coupled to the interface. A basis for the limitation can be found at least in paragraph [0074] and Figure 4 of the present patent application.

Neither Masten nor Li disclose the use of a pattern generator in an aircraft record and playback system. As such, Applicant believes currently amended claim 1, as well as the dependent claims that depend on claim 1, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request they be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any other matters which pertain to this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by Examiner's Amendment where possible.

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